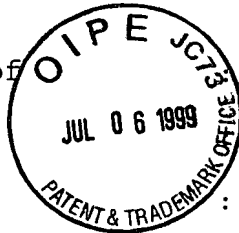


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In re application of



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RESPONSE TO APRIL 1, 1999, OFFICE ACTION

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This amendment and remarks responds to the April 1, 1999, Office Action. Claims 1, 11, and 18 have been amended. Three claims have been added and a check for the additional claims is provided.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

a' 1. (Amended) A water jacketed exhaust pipe for marine engines comprising:

an elongated inner liner, said liner having a tail end, said tail end defining a first inwardly tapered section;

an elongated outer shell, said shell surrounding said liner about an [elongate] elongated axis of said pipe, said shell

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